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# BROWN LINE



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THOMAS BROWN, was an early settler at Westfield, Mass. He removed to Colchester, Conn., before Dec. 18, 1704, and after Jan. 25, 1701/2, where he was one of the earliest settlers and a proprietor. Wife Hannah —.

CHILDREN, born at Westfield, Mass.

- I. Thomas, B. Dec. 26, 1688; married Sarah.
- II. Samuel, B. June 8, 1692; married.
- III. Hannah, B. May 30, 1694; died in Colchester, June 30, 1763; unmarried.
- IV. Mary, B. Dec. 16, 1696.
- V. Sarah, B. Jan. 25, 1701; Sarah Brown of Colchester, married Feb. 2, 1720/1, Daniel Lester of New London.
- VI. Keziah, B. Sept. 22, 1707, in Colchester.

"Dec. 18, 1704. Granted unto Thomas Brown his share of meadow in the long meadow, if it be there after others that have their grants there are supplied."

"April 12, 1705. Granted Thomas Brown his first division of upland."

"March 20, 1705/6. Voted to build a meeting house. Sergt. Rowley, Deacon Skinner, Joseph Chamberlain and Thomas Browne chosen building committee."

"Dec. 30, 1705. Granted unto Thomas Brown about one acre of land at the rear of his home lot on the south side of the Governor's Brook."

"Thomas Brown, freeman of Colchester."

"Dec. 28, 1708. Thomas Brown and Ebenezer chosen collectors to gather the minister and town rates (taxes) this year."

"April 12, 1705. Granted to Thomas Brown his first division of upland."

These records taken from the first Town Book of Colchester, written by Michael Taintor, clerk, and printed by his descendant, Mr. Charles Taintor, Pages 12, 44 et al.

Thomas Brown, Senior, left a will. He died at Colchester, April 18, 1717. His will, dated Nov. 27, 1716; original on file at State Library, Hartford, and recorded in Hartford County Probate Records, Vol. 9, pp. 235-6.

An abstract printed in Manwaring's Digest, Vol. 2, p. 364, which is as follows:

I, Thomas Brown of Colchester, husbandman, do make this my last will and testament: I give and bequeath unto Hannah, my dearly beloved wife the use and improvement of my dwelling house and home place so long as she shall remain my widow, together with all my pewter, one bed and covering convenient to the same, and one iron pot, one iron kettle, 2 chests at her own choice, and one box, one trammell, fire-slice, tongs, 2 chairs, with other wooden ware suitable and convenient for housekeeping, 2 cows, 6 sheep; the movable estate above mentioned to be her own forever. I give my son Thomas Brown 10 shillings, having already advanced him by deeds of gift and other estate. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah Brown L30. I give unto my daughter Mary Brown L30. I give unto my daughter Sarah Brown L30. I give to my daughter Keziah Brown L30. I give to my grandson Daniel Brown, my son Samuel Brown his eldest son, my fourth division of land in Colchester, containing fifty acres, together with L50 right in the commons or undivided land, with all the priviledges to the same belonging. And further my will is, that except my son Samuel Brown do bring up his eldest son to learning so as to qualify him for an orthodox minister of the Gospel, then I give and bequeath unto him my said grandson Daniel Brown L12 out of my estate, to be paid to him when he shall come of lawful age. I give unto my son Samuel Brown, whom I likewise constitute and ordain my sole executor, all and singular the remainder of my houseing and land, messuages and tenements in Colchester, together with all my debts and moveable estate.



THOMAS BROWN, SEN., LS.

Witness: James Treadway  
Jonathan Kellogg  
Charles Loomis

Court record, p. 33 June 4, 1717: Will proven.

Memorandum on back of the will of Thomas Brown.

Capt. Wright: Sir. I desire you to be so kind as to keep this my Testament safe for me Signed Thomas Brown (Autograph). The Will is not in Thomas Brown's handwriting, but the signature is the same as in the memorandum. The Will begins:

"In the name of God amen: The twenty-seventh day of November One Thousand And Seven Hundred And Sixteen: I Thomas Brown of Colchester in the county of Harford in his majesteis Collony of Connecticut: husbandman; being Weak & Infirme of body; but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God therefore", . . . The rest is fairly copied by Manwaring with some omissions.

Inventory taken May 2, 1717. Personal property and "house and barn and orchard and 26 acres of land, fifty acres of Division land. Total L323-00-02.

Thomas Brown, Senior, was hired by the town of Colchester as school master two or three months in the winter of 1708/9.

Hartford Probate Record, Vol. 9, p. 52. Court record. March 4, 1717/8. This Court appoint Samuel Brown to be guardian to Keziah Brown, a minor aged 11 years, daughter of Thomas Brown, late of Colchester, deceased.

THOMAS BROWN (Thomas), born at Westfield, Mass., Dec. 26, 1688; died at Hebron, Conn., Jan. 4, 1757 in 69th year (gravestone in the old Church of England Cemetery, Hebron, Conn.); married Sarah.

Know ye that we Nathaniel Dewey of Lebanon and Joseph Dewey of Colchester release and forever quitclaim to Thomas Brown of Hebron in the county of Hartford a certain piece of land being in the township of Hebron aforesaid, containing one hundred acres. Dated at Lebanon, Conn., May 3, 1716.

Hebron Land Records, Vol. 1, p. 152.

May, 1738. Petition of Church of England men all over the Colony to be recognized as a lawful church. "Inhabitants of Hebron and places adjacent under the pastoral care of the Rev. Samuel Seabury of New London, . . . Thomas Brown, Jonathan Brown."

Connecticut Archives, X, 327 b.

The old Church of England Cemetery in Hebron is situated one mile north of Hebron village on the Gilead road. The land for this cemetery was deeded to Samuel Water, Thomas Brown and Richard Curtis by John Bliss, July 13, 1738.

Thomas Brown was a member of this Hebron Church of England.

#### CHILDREN.

- I. Jonathan, B. May 14, 1716; M. Abigail.
- II. Jerusha, B. Feb. 25, 1717/8; M. Feb. 3, 1736/7 John Bliss Jr.
- III. Azaraih, B. about 1720; M. Dorothy Curtis, (2) Lydia Bliss.
- IV. Nathaniel, B. about 1722; M. Esther Mack.
- V. Hannah, B. about 1724; M. May 18 or 25, 1750 William Pennock of Hebron.
- VI. Abner, B. about 1726; M. Hannah Ingham.
- VII. Stephen, B. April 21, 1729; M. Dec. 12, 1750 Jerusha Lee.
- VIII. Sarah, B. April 5, 1731; M. Silvanus Bliss.
- IX. David, B. Sept. 30, 1733; died April 22, 1742 (Town record).

Gravestone in old Church of England Cemetery reads: "David son of Thomas and Sarah Brown obit April 21, 1742 aged 9 years."

Thomas Brown Jr. left a will dated Dec. 30, 1756; probated Feb. 7, 1757, which is on file at State Library, Hartford, in which he makes bequests to wife Sarah; to sons Jonathan, Azaraih, Nathaniel, Stephen L5 each; to daughter Jerusha L7, to daughter Hannah Pennock and to daughter Sarah Bliss L5 each; to son Abner the house, barn and lot of land on which I now live.



Son Abner executor. Proved before Samuel Gilbert, J.P., Feb. 2, 1757 and ordered recorded Feb. 7, 1757. On the back of the will is written: "Died Jan. 4, 1757." On the paper on which the inventory is written there is again the same date of death. Estate totaled L346-07-01½. Fifty-five acres of land and house L220. To wife Sarah one-third of the personal property.

Witnesses:

Stephen Houghton  
Abijah Rowlee  
Samuel Rowley

Appraisers:

Samuel Gilbert Jr.  
John Peters.

Extract from the will: "I do give and bequeath to my well beloved son Jonathan Brown L5 lawful money to be payd to him or his heirs out of my Estate within one year after my Decease and no more, having done for him already according to my ability."

"Hebron March 30, 1758 then received of Abner Brown executor on the estate of his father Thomas Brown late deceased the sum of tew shiling and three pence lawfull money this is the full of my demands. I say received by me.

Jonathan Brown.

This receipt is on a paper on file with the Will.

SAMUEL BROWN (Thomas), born in Westfield, Mass., June 8, 1692; died at Colchester, Conn., before Jan. 20, 1753; married in Colchester May 12, 1713 Elizabeth Collins, who died July 2, 1714; married second April 11, 1715 Priscilla Kent of Suffield, Conn., probably daughter of Samuel and Priscilla Kent; married third Aug. 13, 1721 (1724 in Colchester record) Mercy Brown.

#### CHILDREN.

- I. Daniel, B. June 12, 1714.
- II. David, B. March 29, 1716/7; married Abigail Mills.
- III. Samuel, B. Dec. 12, 1718; D. Oct. 5, 1719.

- IV. Elizabeth, B. Nov. 16, 1720; m. Elisha Smith.
- V. Samuel, B. March 10, 1723.
- VI. Thomas, B. Nov. 9, 1724; lived in Ridgefield, Conn.
- VII. Ruth, B. Nov. 2, 1726; m. Mark Parmalee.
- VIII. Keziah, B. Dec. 5, 1728; m. John Smith.
- IX. Amos, B. Dec. 1, 1730; lived in Branford, Conn.

Elisha Smith and Elizabeth his wife of Branford, John Smith and Keziah his wife of Branford, Amos Brown of Branford, Mark Parmalee and his wife Ruth of Guilford, and Thomas Brown of Ridgefield, Conn., convey to Abner Chapman of Colchester, the grantors as "Heirs of Samuel Brown, late of Colchester, deceased," land laid out on the right that did originally belong to Thomas Brown, deceased, late of Colchester. Dated Jan. 20, 1753.

Colchester Land Records, Vol. 6, p. 380.

JONATHAN BROWN (Thomas, Thomas), born in Hebron, Conn., May 14, 1716; died after Jan. 25, 1791; married Abigail.

#### CHILDREN born at Hebron.

- I. Thomas, B. May 17, 1739; m. Elizabeth Loomis.
- II. Lydia, B. March 9, 1736/7.
- III. Jonathan, B. Nov. 21, 1741; m. Hannah Swetland.
- IV. David, B. Feb. 18, 1743/4; m. Lydia Swetland.
- V. Rebeckah, B. Sept. 23, 1746.
- VI. Abigail, B. Sept. 10, 1749.
- VII. Elijah, B. June 18, 1757.
- VIII. Sarah, B. Nov. 7, 1753.

Jonathan Brown bought land of Elisha White. "Know all Men . . . that I Elisha White of Bolton in the county of Hartford, etc., for and in consideration of . . . to me paid by Jonathan Brown of Hebron have granted and sold unto said Jonathan . . . fifty acres of land in Hebron. Dated March 6, 1739 at Bolton." Hebron Land Records, Vol. 3, p. 86.

James Pennock of Hebron to Jonathan Brown, twelve acres. April 11, 1743/4. Hebron Land Records, Vol. 3, p. 159.

Samuel Gilbert to Jonathan and Thomas Brown of Hebron,



54 acres. Sept. 19, 1769. Hebron Land Records, Vol. 5, p. 215.

Perhaps the grantees were Jonathan Brown Jr. and his brother, Thomas Brown, born 1741 and 1739, respectively.

Jonathan Brown of Hebron to James Pennock, nine acres, April 11, 1743. Hebron Land Records, Vol. 3, p. 160.

Jonathan Brown of Hebron. A deed of Gift for "consideration of the natural love and affection which I have and bear to my son Thomas Brown of Hebron conveys to said Thomas Brown twenty acres and half the house. Sept. 18, 1767." Hebron Land Records, Vol. 5, p. 157.

Jonathan Brown of Hebron to Samuel Gilbert, Sept. 18, 1767, Vol. 5, p. 446.

Jonathan and Thomas Brown to Samuel Gilbert, Esq. Jan. 14, 1771. Fifty-three acres. Vol. 5, p. 531.

Jonathan Brown of Hebron to Jonathan Chapel. Ten acres, Nov. 5, 1789. Vol. 8, p. 142.

Jonathan Brown of Hebron to David and Jethre Norton "Conveys to said David and Jethre, 6 acres and another piece of 32 acres, and one half of the dwelling house standing on the east side of the highway on the last mentioned piece of land, viz., the westward part of the said dwelling house, reserving liberty for my son Thomas Brown to pass to and from his part of the house, to and from the well of water, together with one-half of the cellar under his part of the dwelling house. Jan. 25, 1791. Hebron Records. Vol. 8, p. 182. This is Jonathan Brown's latest and last deed on the records of Hebron. He either died or removed from Hebron soon after this, perhaps to Partridgefield (Peru) Mass., with his son David and some of his wife's relatives, the Swetlands, etc.

Jonathan Brown signed the petition for a new Society in the north part of Hebron, May 10, 1739. This became the Gilead Society, Congregational.

Jonathan Brown's name is among those recognized as Church of Englandmen under the pastoral care of Rev. Samuel Seabury, probably in May, 1738. Conn. State Archives, X. 327 b.

DAVID BROWN (Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas), born at Hebron, Conn., Feb. 18, 1743/4; died at Partridgefield, now Peru,

Mass., May 25, 1830; married in Hebron Oct. 15, 1761 Lydia Swetland, born in Hebron March 1, 1743/4; died in Peru, Mass., March 28, 1814 (Peru Vital Records, p. 101); daughter of William and Joanna (Pomeroy) Swetland of Hebron.

CHILDREN born in Hebron, Conn.

- I. David, B. Feb. 14, 1762; died young.
- II. Lydia, B. July 29, 1763.
- III. David, B. June, 1765; M. Mary Hutchinson.
- IV. Joanna, B. July 4, 1767; m. in Hebron Dec. 12, 1787 Peter Swetland, Jr. They lived in Peru, Mass., for a time.
- V. Abigail, B. Aug. 13, 1769.
- VI. John, B. Nov. 6, 1771.
- VII. Solomon, B. July 10, 1774 (Family Bible gives this date and adds, as I am informed, that he was born in Hebron); m. Sarah Gilbert.
- VIII. Daniel, B. about 1776; m. Polly Gilbert.
- IX. Olive, (Said to have been born Nov. 6, 1780 in Mansfield, Conn. There were Browns in Mansfield, but I find no records indicating that her parents David and Lydia, were ever at Mansfield; her birth not recorded at Mansfield); m. (Intention Sept. 23, 1797 at Peru, Mass.) Zachariah Watkins, 3rd of Peru.
- X. Sally, B. ; M. (Intention filed Dec. 14, 1795 at Peru) Joshua Legg.

There is no record of David Brown's owning any land in Hebron. He lived with his father, Jonathan Brown, or his brother Thomas, or else hired a farm. As he was very young when married this is probably what occurred. He probably attended the Congregational Church in Hebron and may have been a member. As the records were lost in a fire many years ago, it is impossible to say. The census of 1790 for Hebron does not show any David Brown, but gives the Jonathan Brown family as eleven, which may have included David and family. However the 1790 census for Partridgefield (Peru), Mass., gives David Brown a family of four, which is not enough for the family of David and Lydia



(Swetland) Brown. May be the family of David and Mary (Hutchinson) Brown is meant, since they had just two children at that date. It is a question whether the deed of 1791 of Samuel Hutchinson of Hebron, Conn., to David Brown of Partridgefield (Peru) is to David, Senior or David, Junior. If it was to David, Jr., then it is uncertain whether David Brown (Husband of Lydia Swetland), ever owned land at Partridgefield (Peru). However the deed will be copied here as that conveying to David Brown, Senior.

Berkshire County Deeds at Pittsfield, Mass., Vol. 33, p. 212. Samuel Hutchinson Jr. of Hebron, county of Tolland, state of Conn., for L33 lawful money paid by David Brown of Partridgefield, state of Massachusetts Bay, conveys to said David Brown one certain piece of land lying in Partridgefield, and is part of Lot No. 31 in said town of Partridgefield and contains by estimation 110 acres, and is the whole of said lot except forty acres taken off the south west corner of said lot. May 31, 1791.

Witnesses:

Ebenezer Pierce

Eunice Pierce

Acknowledged May 31, 1791. Vol. 33, p. 471. David Brown of Partridgefield, yeoman, for L230 paid by Abel Dewey of Becket, gentleman conveys to said Abel Dewey land in Partridgefield, beginning at the northwest corner of land of Ebenezer Pierce, then easterly by land of Dr. John Smith to a town way, thence northerly by said town way to the minister's lot so called, thence westerly by said minister's lot to land of Jedediah Kingsley, thence southerly by said Kingsley's land to bounds begun at 150 acres. Feb. 7, 1794.

Whereas the said David Brown has on Nov. 8th last given said Abel Dewey five notes of hand for L230 lawful money, and in consideration of said David paying up said notes, the foregoing deed to be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

This was a mortgage deed and was executed either by David

Brown Senior or David Brown Jr. This mortgage must have covered the whole of lot 31.

In the Public Library at Pittsfield is a copy of the Congregational Church records of Peru. There are several references to David Brown.

"David Brown member in full communion. Marked 'Removed'. Date uncertain."

"Sept. 27, 1801 David Brown and Lydia his wife received into this Church."

"Lydia Brown a member (in list of the sisters of the church)."

"Dec. 1801. David Brown and wife removed to York State; recommended to a church; returned back."

"July 30, 1801 at a church meeting to attend to an objection brought by Henry Badger against David Brown being admitted to this church; charged him with unchristian conduct respecting his being active in petitioning to have the road opened through Badger's land. Not one voted in the church that said Brown had gone contrary to gospel rule."

"Other objections to David Brown brought by Badger against said Brown respecting Brown's conduct in years past, the church voted to adjourn six weeks as Mr. Badger wanted evidence at a distance."

"Sept. 14, 1801 met according to adjournment. No evidence appearing and Brown's making a fuller confession, the church voted satisfied with Mr. Brown. Mr. Badger withdrew his fellowship and bid adieu to the Church and left his reasons in writing and removed to York State. Badger later relented and admitted that he had been too fast, withdrew his writing and on Oct. 22, 1802 was voted a regular dismissal."

Solomon Brown aged 16, chose Capt. William Douglas of Hancock as guardian; "his mother living in New York State. June 4, 1782." Although the age is not exact, this is probably Solomon Brown, son of David Brown and Lydia. I find no evidence of two Solomon Browns in Peru, or even in Berkshire County. This guardianship can be explained. William Swetland of Hebron, grandfather of Solomon Brown, died Aug. 1780,



leaving twenty shillings to his daughter Lydia Brown. Perhaps also other property came from the Swetland estate. As Solomon was heir to this, in the absence of his mother in New York State, the guardianship may have been necessary. If this be the correct statement of affairs, it would place the date of the removal of David and Lydia Brown to New York State as early as 1781 or 1782. There is an indication that this was the actual case in the Peru church records. If so, David Brown was absent from Peru for nearly twenty years and returned to Peru about 1799-1800, after the death of his son, David Brown, Jr. I find no mention of the town in New York whither they went, but the fact of removal and its long duration seem certain.

I will now discuss some of the children of David and Lydia (Swetland) Brown.

DAVID BROWN, JR., born in Hebron, Conn., June 1765; died in Peru Jan. 14, 1799 (Peru Vital Records); married about 1787 to Mary Hutchinson, daughter of Samuel Hutchinson Jr. of Hebron, Conn., who returned to Hebron and perhaps remarried.

#### CHILDREN (Peru Vital Records)

- I. Samuel, B. March 27, 1788.
- II. David, B. June 2, 1790.
- III. Polly, B. Feb. 22, 1792.
- IV. John B. April 6, 1794.
- V. Abel, B. April 29, 1796. Solomon Brown of Peru appointed guardian to Abel Brown of Peru, son of David Brown Jr., of Peru, May 1, 1810.
- VI. Lavena, B. Aug. 5, 1798.

The Berkshire County Records, Land and Probate, have enough about David Brown Jr., to enable one to make quite a story of him.

##### 1. His lands.

Perhaps the deed to David Brown recorded in Berkshire Deeds, Vol. 33, p. 212 and the mortgage, Vol. 33, p. 471 belong to David Jr. However that may be, the following are certain. Vol. 38, p. 857. Samuel Hutchinson of Hebron, County of Tolland, State

of Connecticut for \$100 received of my daughter Mary Brown of Partridgefield, County of Berkshire, conveys to her land in Partridgefield, part of Lot 31, forty acres more or less. Oct. 5, 1797.

This deed was witnessed in Hebron. Mrs. Mary Brown attempted to secure this land to her children, but was in the end unsuccessful.

Vol. 46, p. 383. I Mary Brown of Hebron, County of Tolland, State of Connecticut, widow of David Brown late of Peru in the State of Massachusetts deceased, "Especially for the love and goodwill I have for my children, Samuel Brown, David Brown, Polly Brown, John Brown, Abel Brown and Levinna Brown, all of Peru, County of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, release and quitclaim to said Samuel, etc." such right and title as I have to a piece of land situated in the town of Peru, Lot 31, bounded south on land belonging to David Foot, west to William Frissell, north to Amasa Frissell and east to Lemuel Frissell. Feb. 15, 1910.

Vol. 33, p. 387. David Brown Jr. of Partridgefield for L16 paid by Nathan Thompson of said Partridgefield, yeoman, conveys to said Thompson one tract or parcel of land lying in Partridgefield, north part of Lot. No. 31 in the first division of settling lots, fifty acres. Nov. 12, 1793. Signed David Brown, Mary Brown.

Vol. 40, p. 462. David Brown Jr. of Partridgefield, for \$40 paid by Amasa Frissell, part of Lot 31, twenty acres. Sept. 29, 1798.

Vol. 38, p. 743. David Brown of Partridgefield for L100 paid by Peter Swetland of said Partridgefield, yeoman, conveys to said Peter, land in Partridgefield, south part of lot No. 32. Fifty acres. Aug. 20, 1794. This deed may be of David Senior or David Junior. Nothing to tell which.

## 2. Settlement of his estate.

Berkshire County Probate Files, No. 2031. Citation to Mary Brown, widow of David Brown Jr. late of Partridgefield, deceased, and to David Brown, Solomon Brown and Daniel Brown, all of said Partridgefield cited to appear at the Court of Probate at the



house of Samuel Wright in Lenox first Tuesday of February to take administration on the estate of the said deceased or apply therefor if you shall see cause. Jan. 7, 1800.

William Frissell, gentleman, Amasa Rockwell, Esq., and William Frissell Jr., all of Partridgefield, sign administrator's bond for William Frissell, this day appointed to be administrator on the estate of David Brown, Jr., late of Partridgefield, deceased. March 4, 1800.

Copy of paper in the files. "To William Walker Esq., judge of probate for the county of Berkshire. This may certify that we the subscribers do decline taking administration on the estate of David Brown Jr., late of Partridgefield, deceased, and furthermore it is our desire that William Frissell do take administration on said estate, if it can be consistent with your trust."

Certified by us

Mary Brown

David Brown

Solomon Brown

Daniel Brown

These are  
autographs.

Partridgefield Jan. 16, 1800.

Inventory of Estate of David Brown, late of Partridgefield.

The homestead of the said deceased situated in said Partridgefield, containing forty acres, with the buildings thereon \$400. Personal property \$210. Total \$610. Made March 28, 1800 by Amasa Rockwell, Peter Thompson, Cyrus Stowell. Settlement of personal estate \$234.60. Charges of administration \$71.73. Remains in hand of the administrator \$162.87. To the widow Mary Brown one third, which is \$54.29. To Samuel Brown, David Brown, Abel Brown and Lavinia Brown, children and heirs of the deceased, the residue of said sum, which is \$18.096 to each of them.

William Walker, Judge.

Improvement of the real estate together with one yoke of oxen and three cows from March 4, 1800 to May 5, 1801, \$24. This added to the personal estate \$210.60 makes \$234.60. Deducting administrator's expenses of \$71.73, leaves \$162.87, which was the

amount distributed to the widow and children. From the administrator's account.

File 2098. Daniel Brown and Zechariah Watkins Jr. of Peru sign a bond for Daniel Brown appointed guardian to Polly Brown, above the age of 14 yrs., daughter of David Brown Jr., late of Peru. March 5, 1811.

William Frissell as principal and Jedediah Kingsley as surety both of Partridgefield sign bond for William Frissell, appointed guardian to Samuel Brown, David Brown, Polly Brown, John Brown, Abel Brown and Lavinia Brown, minors under 14 years of age, children of David Brown Jr. late of Partridgefield. May 5, 1801.

William Frissell, Esq., guardian to David, Polly, John and Lavinia Brown, and agent for Abel Brown, minor children of David Brown Jr. late of Peru, at the Supreme Judicial Court held at Lenox on the second Tuesday of May last, obtained license to make sale of the whole of the real estate of said minors for the payment of their debts and incidental charges and for their benefit. Bond for \$700. June 5, 1810. The real estate of these minors was part of lot No. 31 containing 45 acres, bounded south on David Foot, east on Lemuel Frissell, north on Amasa Frissell, north on William and Amasa Frissell, five undivided seventh parts, which real estate was sold by order of the Supreme Judicial Court holden at Lenox on the second Tuesday of May 1810.

Sold to Samuel Brown at a public vendue held at the house of John Leland Jr., innkeeper, in said Peru, Aug. 1, 1810, at one of the clock afternoon, for the sum of \$365.25, being the highest bidder.

Feb. 1811

William Frissell.

Distribution:

Proceeds of the sale	\$365.25
Expenses of the sale	18.24
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	\$338.01

Ordered by the Judge of Probate \$67.602 to Abel Brown and the rest to be retained in the hands of said agent as he is guar-



dian to David, Polly, John and Lavinia Brown, to each of them \$67.602.

Solomon Brown as principal and William Frissell, Esq., of Peru as surety, both sign bond May 1, 1810 on bond of Solomon Brown who is chosen and this day allowed to be guardian unto Abel Brown, a minor, above the age of 14 years, son of David Brown Jr., late of Peru.

Signed

Solomon Brown  
William Frissell.

SOLOMON BROWN (David, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas), born July 10, 1774 (Family Bible), married (Intentions Nov. 24, 1796, Peru Vital Records, p. 62) Sally or Sarah Gilbert, daughter of Elijah Gilbert, born about 1776; died at Peru, Dec. 24, 1868 aged 92 years.

#### CHILDREN

- I. Elijah, B. April 13, 1798; married Harriet Payn.
- II. Dolly (Dorothy), B. Oct. 22, 1799; married Chapin Street.
- III. Rhoda, B. Sept. 9, 1801; m. April 13, 1824 at Peru, Lewis Cole.
- IV. Cynthia, B. Aug. 30, 1803; m. Charles Slade; second Mr. Tanner.
- V. Orrin, B. Jan. 4, 1805; m. Salome Watkins.
- VI. Allen, B. Jan. 1, 1807.
- VII. Electa, B. Oct. 4, 1808; m. Joseph Barber.
- VIII. John, B. Nov. 26, 1810 (1811); m. Sarah Barnabee; second Judith Pierce.
- IX. Reuben, B. Jan. 1, 1813; m. Abigail Bartlett.
- X. Urial (Royal), B. April 10, 1815; m. Martha Bushnell.
- XI. Sarah Ann Presentia, B. Sept. 20, 1817; m. (Intention Sept. 20, 1834, Peru Vital Records), Barber Thompson.

The records of the Congregational Church of Peru show that Solomon Brown was received into the church Dec. 28, 1794. Also

his son Elijah, Bapt. July 8, 1798; Dolly, Bapt. Sept. 8, 1800; Sintha, Bapt. May 20, 1804; Allen, Bapt. Oct. 25, 1807; Lecta, Bapt. Aug. 20, 1809.

A list of members made July 20, 1811, includes the name of Solomon Brown.

Solomon Brown died at Peru Aug. 12, 1856. There is no probate of his estate at Pittsfield. He left no property that was not encumbered.

Solomon Brown's land purchases and sales. Berkshire County Deeds, Vol. 47, p. 703. John Perry of Partridgefield for \$500 paid by Solomon Brown of Partridgefield conveys to said Solomon land in Partridgefield, part of lot No. 78, bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stake and stones the east side of the road leading from Partridgefield meeting house to Windsor, by estimation 128 acres, meaning to convey the whole of said lot except 94 acres and a half deeded to Nathan Tuttle and the road aforesaid. Feb. 2, 1805.

Vol. 47, p. 705. Clark Ellsworth of Windsor, county of Berkshire for \$500 conveys to Solomon Brown of County aforesaid, land in Peru, part of Lot No. 78, beginning at a stake and stones the east side of the road leading from Peru meeting house to Windsor. 120 acres more or less. Feb. 12, 1810. This seems to have been a mortgage deed of the preceding piece.

Vol. 51, p. 247. Solomon Brown of Peru for \$450 conveys to Moses Frary of Ashfield land in Peru, east part of lot 78, beginning at a stake and stones in the east side of the road leading from Peru meeting house to Windsor, 128 acres, except the road running across a part of said premises, which is not conveyed by this deed. June 18, 1811.

Vol. 59, p. 258. Solomon Brown of Peru for \$650 conveys to Calvin Butler, Esq. and Levi Markham, both of Plymouth, Conn., the south west part of Lot 78, 100 acres, more or less. May 8, 1817. Perhaps a mortgage.

Solomon Brown of Peru for \$350 conveys to Sylvester Axtell of Peru Lot 48. 150 acres. May 9, 1821. Mortgage.

Vol. 64, p. 13. Solomon Brown of Peru for \$2000 conveys to



Abel Dewey of Becket land in Peru, Lot 48, also one other tract of 20 acres, deed to me the granter by John Leland Jr. and also one other tract northerly of aforesaid, called the Dibball lot, formerly owned by Oriton Dibble. Fifty acres. May 23, 1821.

Vol. 69, p. 5. Solomon Brown of Peru for \$500 conveys to David Foot and Lemuel Frissell both of Peru, part of Lot 48, of the original survey of Peru, 75 acres. The house and barn or buildings standing thereon are not conveyed but reserved for the special use of the grantor. Oct. 7, 1825.

Vol. 69, p. 105. Solomon Brown of Peru to Abel Dewey of Becket conveys to said Abel part of Lot 48, also another tract of twenty acres, also one other tract conveyed to me by John Leland Jr. and the Debball lot, being the same and the whole of the lands conveyed by Solomon Brown to Capt. Abel Dewey, deceased, May 23, 1821, recorded in Vol. 64, p. 13, and conveyed to me by Deed Sept. 12, 1825, Vol. 74, p. 13. Mortgage.

Vol. 74, p. 13 is a deed for the same lands given by Solomon Brown to Abel Dewey's heirs. Sept. 12, 1825. Probably a renewal of the mortgage.

Vol. 70, p. 40. Solomon Brown to Massachusetts Home Life Insurance Co., Oct. 24, 1826. Mortgage. Same land as mortgaged to Abel Dewey, who releases it.

It will thus be seen that Solomon Brown mortgaged all his land in Peru more than thirty years before his death. This explains why there is no probate of his estate. His part in the settling of the estate of his brother David Brown Jr. and as guardian to David's son Abel has already been given.

DANIEL BROWN (David, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas), born about 1776 in Hebron, Conn.; died probably in Hinsdale, Mass.; married (Intention Jan. 19, 1796, Peru Vital Records) Mary "Polly" Gilbert, daughter of Elijah Gilbert. She died Oct. 26 (or 28) 1819 at Hinsdale, aged 41 years.

CHILDREN recorded at Peru and Hinsdale.

- I. Polly, B. March 19, 1797.
- II. Roana (Rowena), B. Aug. 29, 1798; M. Intentions Nov. 15, 1819 Harris Blackman of Hinsdale.



- III. Daniel, B. April 5, 1800; M. Intentions Feb. 21, 1826 at Hinsdale, Caroline Smith.
- IV. Sherman, B. July 5, 1802; died July 8, 1802 at Hinsdale.
- V. Hannah, B. July 10, 1803; M. Intentions Feb. 27, 1826 at Hinsdale, Nahum Blackman.
- VI. Orren, B. March 15, 1805 in Bolton, N. Y. Bolton, New York may be the place to which David and Lydia (Swetland) Brown removed.
- VII. Justin, B. May 1, 1807 in Bolton, N. Y.; M. Intentions April 28, 1833, Angeline Electa (or Electa Angeline) Smith who died April 25, 1845 at Hinsdale; M. 2nd. March 28, 1846 Mrs. Eliza Whipple.
- VIII. Melinda, B. Feb. 22, 1809; Died Sept. 3, .....
- IX. Melinda, 2nd., B. June 6, 1811.
- X. Sherman 2nd., B. May 16, 1818 in Hinsdale.

Daniel Brown was a considerable land owner.

The West parish of Partridgefield was set off to Hinsdale and became a town in 1804. Daniel Brown lived in this part, which explains why Daniel Brown's family is recorded in Peru and in Hinsdale.

Berkshire Probate Registry, file 4936. Will of Elijah Gilbert of Peru, dated July 2, 1822, proved Oct. 13, 1829, mentions wife Mary. To two sons Elijah and Benson Gilbert \$5 each and farming and mechanics tools. To my five daughters, all my real estate equally, to Sarah Brown, to Polly Brown, deceased to Hannah Taylor, Phebe Watkins and Thirza Abbe.

Cyrus Stowell executor.

Inventory \$884.77. Solomon Brown's note \$25.96.

ELIJAH BROWN (Solomon, David, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas), born April 13, 1798 at Peru, Mass.; died Dec. 14, 1868; M. June 23, 1823 Harriet Payn.

### CHILDREN

- I. Henrietta Haskell, B. Jan. 31, 1825; in East Sudbury; M. Charles A. Read, of Pittsfield, Mass.

- II. George L., B. July 2, 1828 at Slatersville, R. I.; died Feb. 22, 1829.
- III. Harriet A., B. .... died young.
- IV. Elijah Gilbert, B. .... died young.
- V. George Lyman, B. July 28, 1833.
- VI. Lucy Maria, B. Jan. 30, 1836.
- VII. Wesley Payn, B. Oct. 15, 1838; M. May 7, 1863 Harriet Sackett; died May 4, 1927.

ORREN BROWN (Solomon, David, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas), born in Peru, Mass. Jan. 4, 1805; died .....; married March 5, 1829 Salome Watkins (Peru Vital Records).

#### CHILDREN (Peru Vital Records)

- I. James Gilbert, B. April 28, 1830; died April 16, 1832.
- II. James Gilbert 2nd., B. Feb. 19, 1832.
- III. Mary, B. May 5, 1834.
- IV. Effie, B. Nov. 15, 1845.
- V. Ellen Elizabeth, B. Oct. 6, 1848.

JOHN BROWN (Solomon, David, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas), born in Peru, Mass. Nov. 26, 1810; died .....; married first May 18, 1836 Sarah Barnabee, who died Aug. 19, 1840 aged 26; married 2nd. (Intentions Feb. 14, 1842) Judith S. Pierce. (Peru Vital Records).

#### CHILDREN (Peru Vital Records)

- I. Henry Dwight, B. June 30, 1837.
- II. Sarah Delight, B. July 20, 1839.
- III. Willis Addison, B. Sept. 14, 1842.
- IV. Loenza, B. Oct. 2, 1843; died Feb. 18, 1846.
- V. A son, B. June 20, 1845.
- VI. Edgar, B. April 10, 1847.
- VII. Dennis, B. May 7, 1848.
- VIII. Augusta Jane, B. Aug. 10, 1849.

REUBEN BROWN (Solomon, David, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas), born in Peru, Mass., Jan. 1, 1813; died .....; married Aug. 9, 1832 Abigail M. Messenger (Peru Vital Records).

#### CHILDREN (Peru Vital Records)

- I. George William, B. Feb. 6, 1833.



URIAL (ROYAL) BROWN (Solomon, David, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas), born at Peru, Mass., April 10, 1815; died .....; married Martha Bushnell.

CHILDREN (Peru Vital Records)

- I. Zerina, B. Oct. 15, 1841.
- II. Murray Eugene, B. July 25, 1843.
- III. Sibyl, B. July 5, 1847.

OTHER DAVID BROWNS IN PARTRIDGEFIELD, PERU. Berkshire County Deeds, Vol. 38, p. 234. Nathan Bul-  
lard of Holliston, Mass. for L150 paid by David Brown of Kill-  
ingly, County of Windham, State of Connecticut, conveys to said  
David land in Partridgefield, part of lot No. 8 in the first division  
of settling lots, bounded as follows: Beginning at the northeast  
corner of lot No. 6, and running easterly to a stone wall, the cor-  
ner of Phineas Watkins's northwest corner of the farm on which  
he now lives, thence running southerly by the stone wall to the  
land of Joseph Dresser, late deceased, then westerly by the land  
of said Dresser to the east side of the county road as it is now  
laid out through said Dresser's farm, thence northwesterly by  
the easterly side of said road to the Lot No. 6, thence northerly  
by the lot No. 6 to the first mentioned bound; sixty-five acres more  
or less. Jan. 19, 1796.

Vol. 38, p. 230. David Brown of Partridgefield, gentleman,  
sold this same land to Samuel Hascall of Peru, April 19, 1797.

Vol. 38, p. 236. Samuel Hascall of Partridgefield, County of  
Berkshire, taverner, for \$610 paid by David Brown the third of  
Partridgefield, yeoman, conveys to him 38 acres, 20 rods. Nov. 3,  
1798.

Vol. 38, p. 238. Samuel Hascall of Partridgefield, gentleman,  
for \$250 conveys to David Brown of Partridgefield, part of lot  
No. 1, twenty acres. Nov. 7, 1798.

Vol. 44, p. 399. David Brown of Hinsdale for \$100 conveys  
to Rufus Watkins of Hinsdale a tract of land in Hinsdale in what  
was formerly Partridgefield, a part of lot No. 13, 15 acres. Jan.  
27, p. 1807.

Vol. 45, p. 129. David Brown of Hinsdale, gentleman for

§30 conveys to Henry Howard of Hinsdale, trader, land in that part of Hinsdale which was formerly Partridgefield, a part of the Marshall Lot so called, or Lot No. 1, being the whole of the lot conveyed to me by Samuel Hascall by deed bearing date Nov. 7, p. 1798, except a part on which Norton and Brown some years ago extended an execution against Aaron Burnett and he against Samuel Hascall Feb. 14, 1807.

Vol. 63, p. 570. The selectmen of Partridgefield, authorized by vote of said town to give David Brown of said Partridgefield a lease of a certain tract of land hereinafter described, lease to David Brown of said Partridgefield in the county of Berkshire, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, "to him, his heirs and assigns for and during the time that grass and wood grows and water runs, the whole of Lot No. 14, appropriated for the use of schools in said Partridgefield by the original proprietors of said town, situated on and near the great road and between Lots No. 11 and No. 15, as by the original plan will appear, in consideration that the said David doth for himself, his heirs and assigns, during the time aforesaid pay to the said town Treasurer or his order, the full sum of \$75, said sum being what the land was appraised at by a committee chosen heretofore for that purpose, the above interest to be paid annually during said term in money or produce to the acceptance of said town, and if not paid annually said Brown doth for himself, his heirs and assigns forfeit all his labour, right and title to said land. April 3, 1797.

Henry Badger  
Cyrus Stowell

Partridgefield (no date). I assign the contents of the within lease to Nathan Bullard.

David Brown.

Dudley, Mass., Sept. 29, 1800. For value received I assign the contents of the within lease to Ezekiel Brown.

Nathan Bullard.

Attest:

John Brown.



Partridgefield, Nov. 10, 1801. I assign the contents of the within Lease to Ebenezer Leland.

Zephaniah Brown, administrator.

Hinsdale June 21, 1822. I for value received of Daniel Cady do hereby assign the contents of the within Lease to him, his heirs, administrators and assigns. Witness my hand in my own right as heir to the estate of Ebenezer Leland, deceased, and in behalf of all the other heirs to said Estate.

Eli Pierce.

Peru Vital Records have this:

Miranda, daughter of Lieut. David and Abigail Brown, born Aug. 11, 1799. Probably daughter of the foregoing David Brown.

#### DAVID BROWNS IN OTHER PARTS OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

##### 1. David Brown of Becket.

Berkshire County Deeds, Vol. 18, p. 165, Capt. David Lee Jr. of Becket to David Brown of Becket conveys land in Becket. House Lot No. 2. Aug. 29, 1772.

Vol. 10, p. 240. David Brown of Becket for L40 conveys to Joseph Highby of Becket, part of home lot 42. June 11, 1772.

Vol. 19, p. 531. David Brown of Becket for L80 conveys to —Home lot No. 5. Jan. 26, 1773.

Vol. 20, p. 533. David Brown of Becket to George Conant Jr. of Becket, 32 acres, north side of house lot 42. Dec. 20, 1784.

Vol. 34, p. 770. David Brown of Becket, gentleman, for \$100 conveys to Orsimus Gilbert of Becket, Clothier, House lot No. 2, 42 acres, bounded and described as in the proprietors' book; also 1/5 part of house lot No. 6; also one tract, the east part of house lot No. 1. Oct. 11, 1796.

Orsimus Gilbert gave a mortgage on this land to David Brown, and quitclaimed it to Gilbert on Sept. 1802, who had paid it off, and conveyed it to John Lester, who conveyed it to David Brown again Sept. 8, 1802.

Vol. 37, p. 558. David Brown and Oliver Brewster both of Becket, gentleman and Stephen Wadsworth of Becket chosen

by the town of Becket to exchange and dispose of certain lands. 1798.

Vol. 40, p. 38. Seth Wadsworth to the selectmen of Becket, of whom David Brown was one, "all my interest as heir to Jonathan Wadsworth, late of Becket, deceased conveys land in Becket, known by being called the Public Lands, in the center of the Town, near the meeting house. Sept. 27, 1798.

Vol. 40, p. 150. Billey Messenger to David Brown, Oliver Brewster and Stephen Wadsworth, Nov. 1798.

Vol. 42, p. 107. Billey Messenger conveys to Nathaniel King-  
sley, Ebenezer Walden, Ephraim Perkins, David Brown, Oliver Brewster and Jame Rudd, trustees of the fund of the first Congregational Society of Becket, land in the central part of Becket, for support of a Congregational Pedobaptist minister and building a meeting house. Oct. 23, 1798.

Vol. 45, p. 461. John Lester of Becket conveys to David Brown of Becket, gentleman, the south half of the second division lot No. 64, also south side of second division lot No. .... May 2, 1808. Mortgage.

Vol. 18, p. 176. Dan Viets of Simsbury, Conn., conveys to David Brown of Becket for L500 continental currency, land in Becket, fifth part of Lot 6 in Becket, butted and bounded according to the original survey in Becket Town Book of Records. Feb. 12, 1781.

Vol. 34, p. 768. Jonathan Wadsworth of Becket for L45 conveys to David Brown of Becket east part of Lot No. 1 in Becket. April 12, 1793.

Berkshire County Probate Registry. File 3048. Will of David Brown of Becket, dated May 3, 1813; presented to Court and approved July 6, 1813. Legacies to his sister, widow Elizabeth Canfield; to Israel Brown, son of my late brother, James Brown; to first Congregational Society in Becket \$300 in trust; to Wife Mary Brown. Col. Billey Messenger of Becket to be executor.

2. David Brown of Hinsdale.

Berkshire County Deeds, Vol. 44, p. 399. David Brown of Hinsdale for \$100 conveys to Rufus Watkins of Hinsdale a tract



of land in Hinsdale in what was formerly Partridgefield, a part of Lot No. 13, 15 acres. Jan. 27, p. 1807.

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3. David Brown of Armensis Precinct, Dutchess County, N. Y.

Berkshire Deeds, Vol. 35, p. 64. David Brown of Armenis (Amenia?) Precinct, Dutchess County, N. Y. conveys to Ebenezer Fuller of Stafford, Hartford County, Conn., land in Tyringham, lot No. 85, drawn to the house lot or right No. 14, sixty acres. Sept. 17, 1776.

4. David Brown of Richmond.

Berkshire Deeds, Vol. 29, p. 321. David Brown of Richmond (Richmond is a town lying southwest of Pittsfield) county of Berkshire, tailor and Mehitable his wife, convey land for L40 to Ebenezer Williams of Richmond. Nov. 17, 1789.

Vol. 27, p. 63. Joseph Ingham of Richmond for L40 conveys to David Brown of Richmond, tailor. April 4, 1788.

5. David Brown, physician, of East Hoosick, later called the town of Adams.

Berkshire County, Mass. Deeds. Vol. 14, p. 150. Benjamin Lapham of East Hoosick for L175 conveys to David Brown of East Hoosick, physician, 17th third month 1778.

Vol. 22, p. 93. David Brown of Adams, physician, conveys to Isaac Arnold of Smithfield, R. I., land in Adams. 7th day, 11th month, 1783. This David belonged to the Rhode Island family.



The method of dating shows that Lapham and he were Quakers.

6. David Brown of Ashford, Conn.

Berkshire Deeds, Vol. 22, p. 117. Reuben Marcy of Ashford, Conn. and Benjamin Watson of Worcester County, Mass., executors of the will of Samuel Watson of Killingly, Conn. for L79, 4 shill. Lawful money, paid by David Brown of Ashford, do grant unto him the said David Brown all our right and title to land in Windsor, Berkshire County, Mass. 33 acres.

The foregoing study of deeds and probates on record at Pittsfield, Mass., includes all the data concerning all the David Browns in the whole county of Berkshire, except such as may be on record in the Registries at Great Barrington and North Adams, which cover the extreme north and south ends of the county and are later in date.

The David Browns have been clearly differentiated and assigned to their correct localities. These are:

David Brown of Partridgefield-Peru, who came from Hebron, Conn. with wife Lydia Swetland and sons David who died in Peru, Solomon, who died in Peru and Daniel who lived in Hinsdale.

David Brown of Killingly, Conn., called David third while in Partridgefield and resided in the west part of Partridgefield, which was annexed to Hinsdale.

David Brown of Becket, a rather prominent man.

David Brown of Amenia Precinct, Dutchess County, N. Y., probably non-resident.

David Brown of Richmond, a tailor.

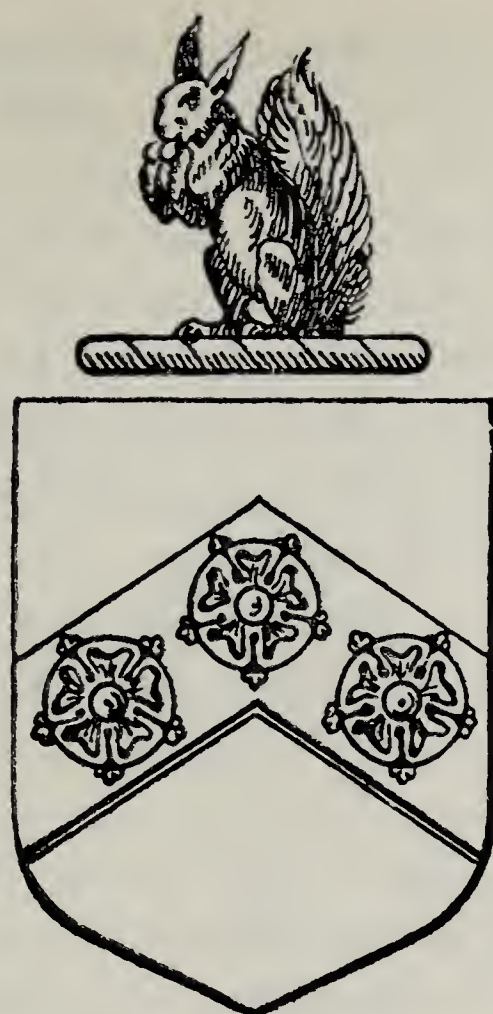
Dr. David Brown of East Hoosick, later Adams. Rhode Island family.

David Brown of Ashford, Conn., who may have settled in Windsor, Mass.

The total number of David Browns who were landowners is eight.

The evidence is conclusive that David Senior went to New York State between 1781 and 1800, but returned to Partridgefield and died there, as did his son Solomon.





GILBERT

## GILBERT LINE

1. THOMAS GILBERT, born England; died at Wethersfield (now South Glastonbury), Conn., Sept. 5, 1659. Lived in Braintree, Mass., Windsor and Wethersfield, Conn. Wife Lydia, born in England; died 1654. Their son

2. THOMAS GILBERT, born in England; died at Springfield, Mass., June 5, 1662; married there July 31, 1655 Mrs. Catherine (Chapin) Bliss, daughter of Deacon Samuel and Cicely (Penney) Chapin of Springfield, and widow of Nathaniel Bliss. She married 3rd, Dec. 28, 1664, as his second wife, Samuel Marshfield of Springfield and died in that town Feb. 4, 1712.

3. HENRY GILBERT, born March 1, 1661/2 at Springfield, Mass.; died Aug. 17, 1740 at Brookfield, Mass.; married first Elizabeth Belding, born about 1663, died April 27, 1735 at



Brookfield. He was a deacon and an important man at Brookfield.

4. EBENEZER GILBERT, born 1693 at Brookfield; was living 1763; married about 1712 Deborah .... They lived in that remote part of Brookfield, Mass. which became town of Ware, and were members of the church of Ware River Parish on the day of its organization June 19, 1754. In 1755 he and his sons Henry and Oliver were legally set off from Brookfield to the Ware River Parish on their petition which was granted by the General Court at Boston and signed by the Governor.

#### CHILDREN

(Omitting those that died in childhood or unmarried)

- I. Ebenezer, B. May 14, 1713
- II. Deborah, B. July 7, 1714
- III. Henry, B. May 15, 1718
- IV. Oliver, B. Dec. 23, 1724
- V. Abiel, B. Feb. 28, 1726
- VI. Zerviah (son) B. Sept. 23, 1730

5. HENRY GILBERT, born May 15, 1718 at Brookfield, Mass.; died July 17, 1798 at Peru, Mass. Married Sarah Domer, B. Oct. 23, 1723 at Hadley, Mass., probably daughter of Peter and Mary (Crowfoot) Domer of South Hadley, Mass.

CHILDREN born at Brookfield, Mass.

- I. Lydia, B. March 31, 1742
- II. Elijah, B. May 21, 1744
- III. Sarah, B. Dec. 18, 1748
- IV. Elisha, B. Sept. 29, 1752
- V. Henry, B. Nov. 25, 1754
- VI. Eunice, B. May 2, 1757
- VII. Mary, B. Jan. 6, 1760

6. Elijah Gilbert, B. May 21, 1744 in Brookfield, Mass. died Aug. 6, 1829 at Peru, Mass., married Mary Dunbar who died March 22, 1840 aged 85 at Peru, Mass.

#### CHILDREN

- I. Sarah—B. Brookfield, Mass. July 1776, M. Solomon Brown.
- II. Polly—B. in Peru, Mass., M. Daniel Brown.

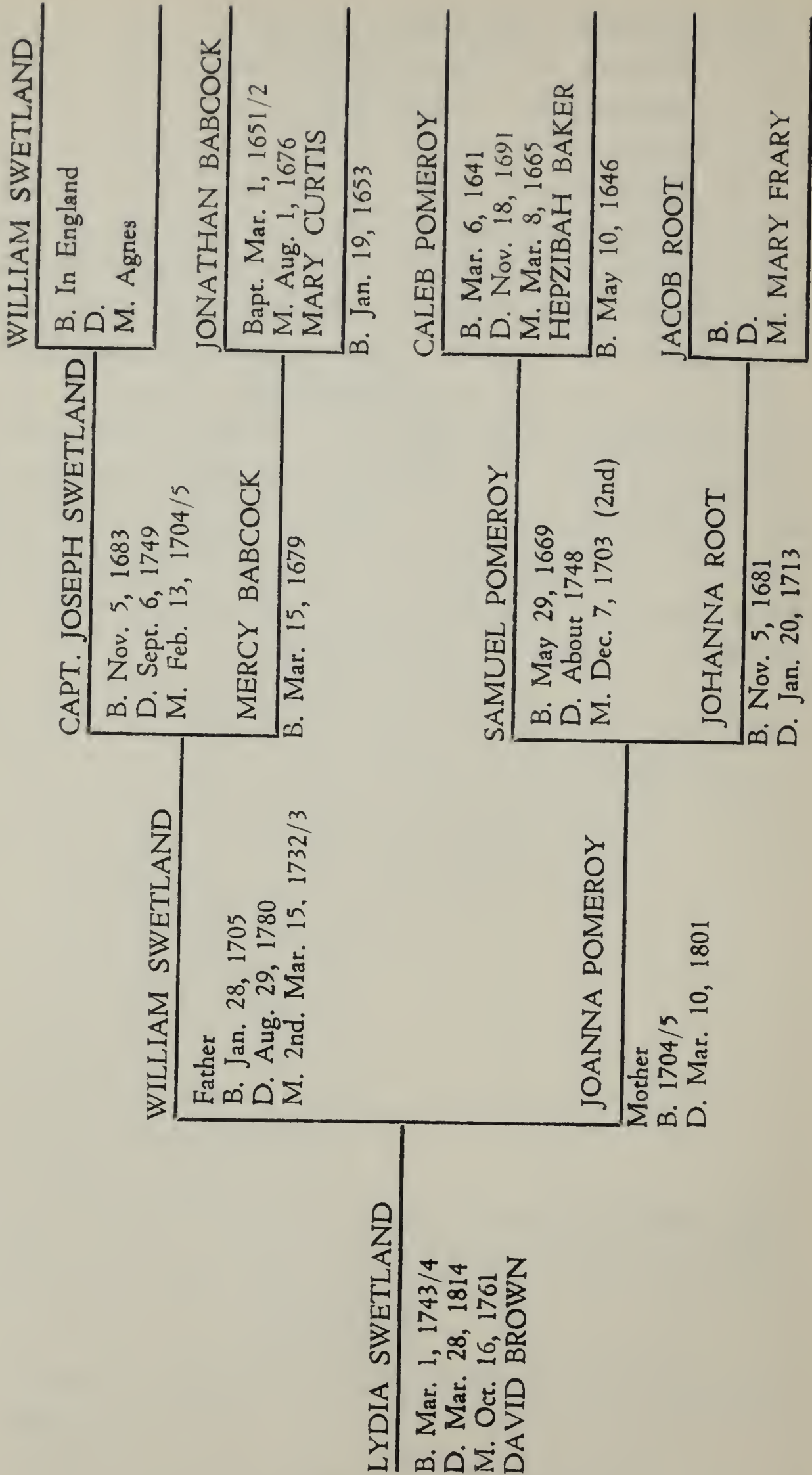
- III. Hannah—M. William Taylor.
- IV. Thursie or Thersa—M. John Abbe.
- V. Benson—M. Lynda Apthorp.
- VI. Elijah
- VII. Phebe

Domer Gilbert a cousin married Polly Goldthwaite.

Henry Gilbert, B. 1718 served in the relief of Ft. Wm. Henry in 1757, and Henry Gilbert, (probably brother of Elijah), served in the Revolution in 1776. Elijah served in Revolutionary War.

This data was compiled by Genealogist Homer W. Brainard, Amherst, Mass., (now deceased) who stated that, "the above (especially the first two Thomases) may not be as you have been led to believe from family tradition, or what you have seen in books. I have found original records which prove all my statements herein, and have for the first time corrected many mistakes that appear in printed books and papers."

SWETLAND CHART





# SWETLAND



"Feb. 13, 1678 Andrew Bowdler for New York, ship James. Will Swetland (Master or Captain) State Paper Office (England) Board of Trade. Papers of Barbadoes." N.E. Hist. Gen. Register, 8:207. This is probably your William Swetland, engaged in the carrying trade as a master of a vessel plying between England, New York and Barbadoes. His location at Salem and later at New London implies this. These places were both ports for the London & West Indian trade.

"May 5, 1701 Joseph Swetland (and others) baptized "They joining themselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant" He was adult 17 years old at the time) "August 9, 1702 Joseph Swetland admitted to communion "Joseph Swetland and Mercy his wife and Mary Sprageyer (their) sister had a letter of dismissal from Milton chh to ye chh in Leban".

Rev. Peter Thacher of Milton, pastor, his church record. Printed in N.E. Hist. Gen. Register 22; pp. 263-441.

"May 29, 1719. Joseph Swetland and Mercy his wife admitted to communion. (Records First Church Lebanon, in MS. at library of Conn. Historical Society. Joseph Swetland remained steadfast in the communion of the First Congregational church at Hebron, Conn. despite dissensions and formation of a Church of England congregation there. He had a fulling mill which he deeded to sons, Joseph and Peter. (Site now in Andover, Conn.) His gravestone in Townsend Cemetery in the South part of Andover (formerly in Hebron) calls him Captain, and several other documents call him Captain as a document in Conn. Archives, Ecclesiastical, Vol. VII. 349. "Names of those persons who cane go to the old meeting house easier than to any other place in the Town." Then follow 136 names, among which Caleb, William, Joseph, Capt.

Joseph and Jonathan, all Swetlands. Capt. Joseph Swetland's oldest child, William, was born Nov. 15, 1705 (Milton Vital Records, p. 60) and died in Hebron, Aug. 27, 1780 in 75th year (Gravestone at Hebron); married first Feb. 17, 1729/30 Temperance Shipman, who died May 9, 1731 in 47th year (Gravestone) married second March 15, 1732/3 Johanna Pomeroy, daughter of Samuel and Johanna (Root) Pomeroy, born 1704, died in Hebron, Ct., March 10, 1801 aged 97 years (Gravestone) William Swetland in will dated Nov. 25, 1779. (Original will on file at State Library, Hartford) mentions Joanna, my beloved wife, son Azariah, daughter Temperance wife of Noah Pomeroy, daughter Rhoda, wife of John Sherwin, daughter Lydia, wife of David Brown, "the sum of twenty shillings, she having had heretofore the greater part of her legacy". To the heirs of my daughter Hannah deceased, former wife of Jonathan Brown, viz. to Benejah, Charles, Lemuel and Jonathan, sons of said daughter Hannah L20 to be divided among them at the age of 22 years, and to her two daughters 20 shillings each. Also all my rights of land which I have in the Susquehanna Country to Hannah's male heirs.



# POMEROY



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ELTWEED POMEROY, son of Richard Pomeroy, bapt. July 4, 1585 at Beaminster Co., Dorset, England, died at Northampton, Mass. "March 1673 aged 88" (Pomeroy Gen. p. 42-Vol. 3). Settled first in New England at Windsor, Conn.; then removed to Northampton. Married second at Crewkerne Co., Somerset, England, May 7, 1629, Margaret Rockett, who died at Windsor, Conn. July 5, 1655; mother of all his children. Caleb (2) Pomeroy bapt. at Windsor, Conn., March 6, 1641, died at Northampton, Mass. Nov. 18, 1691; married March 8, 1665 Hepzibah Baker, born May 10, 1646, daughter of Jeffrey & Joan (Rockwell) Baker. Caleb Pomeroy took part in the Falls Fight, May 19, 1676, with Indians, near Turner's Falls, Mass. in King Philips War. (Sheldon's History of Deerfield, Mass. Vol. I, p. 159). His son Samuel Pomeroy, b. May 29, 1669 at Northampton, Mass. died about 1748; married second Dec. 7. 1703 Johanna Root, b. Nov. 5, 1681, died Jan. 20, 1713, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Frery) Root. Pomeroy Genealogy says that he lived in what is now Easthampton or Southampton, Mass. (formerly Northampton) but this I doubt. He certainly lived in Hebron, Conn. for a time. May 8, 1734 a number of petitioners from Hebron, Ct. memorialized the General Assembly, expressing their objections to the Saybrook Platform of church discipline, asserting that the church in Hebron was founded upon a different method of Congregationalism (probably the Massachusetts Platforms of 1648 and 1680) and asking to go on as formerly, outside the Coassociation. (Which was a kind of permanent Council or Presbytery) signed by Samuel Pomeroy, Joseph Swetland, Jr., William Swetland and a number of others. His daughter, Joanna Pomeroy, b. 1704/5 became wife of William Swetland, March 15, 1732/3.



Pomeroy Genealogy by Albert A. Pomeroy—Part II, page 155  
Will of Samuel<sup>(3)</sup> Pomeroy (Caleb<sup>(2)</sup>) (Eltweed<sup>(1)</sup>) mentioned  
daughter Joanna unmarried. The Probate Judge who searched  
the records, on June 28, 1944—says, "We do not know how  
anyone could tell you that Samuel Pomeroy mentioned his daugh-  
ter "Joanna unmarried". It certainly does not appear that way  
in the original Will nor in the record thereof."



*"If you could see your ancestors  
All standing in a row,  
Would you be proud of them or not?  
Or don't you really know?"*

*"But here's another question which  
Requires a different view:  
If you could meet your ancestors,  
Would they be proud of you?"*

# ROOT



THOMAS ROOT; emigrant from England, among the first Settlers of Hartford, Conn. 1637; was one of the first petitioners for the town of Northampton, Mass. and settled there 1654; was one of the eight pillars of the church; selectman; died July 17, 1694, wife unknown. He was born Jan. 16, 1605 in England, son of John and Ann (Russell) Root.

## CHILDREN

- I. Joseph. b. .... m (1) Hannah Haynes. (2) Mary (Holton) Burt.
- II. Thomas M. July 3rd, 1666 Abigail daughter Alexander Alvord.
- III. John. b. Jan. 10, 1646 in Hartford; m. Mehitabel (Johnson) Hinsdale.
- IV. Jonathan. m. March 22, 1680 Ann Gull
- V. Hezekiah. m. Mehitabel Frary.
- VI. Jacob. m. Mary Frary.
- VII. Sarah. m. March 30, 1679 Samuel Kellogg.

Sheldon's History of Deerfield, Mass. Vol. 2, p. 271 of Genealogies, compared with Gen. Lucius A. Barbour's, Hartford, MSS. of the early settlers and families of Hartford.

True copy from a letter written by a descendant of Joanna Brown born July 4th, 1767.

"David Brown and Lydia Swetland were my great grand parents; their daughter Joanna born July 4th, 1767 married Roger Ransom for her 2nd husband and they had 4 daughters, Polly,



Eunice, Emily and Clarissa. Emily born Bolton (State not given) June 13, 1803 (Family Bible). She married 1st Samuel Chandler, 2nd Nathaniel Chandler (Samuel was Nathaniel's youngest brother).

Had one child Harriet; had six children by 2nd marriage, of which I was the youngest, born January 15, 1838.

Joanna's brother Solomon married Sally Gilbert, and I have heard my Mother tell about Aunt Olive Watkins. (Olive Brown Watkins)."

Mrs. Charles A. Read, Pittsfield, Massachusetts (Henrietta Haskell Brown) gave the records of Solomon Brown, born Hebron, Connecticut, July 10, 1774 her father said, "David Brown his grand-father's wife was a Swetland".

Child's Berkshire County Gazeteer 1725-1885-page 27 states that David Brown came from Rhode Island, was the father of four Children, Solomon, Daniel, Olive and Sally.

The Family Bible gives the birth of Solomon, Hebron, Conn.

The Hebron records give the records of six children, making ten children born to David and Lydia Swetland Brown. Records of Hebron, Conn. show he was born and lived there several years and died in Peru, Massachusetts, — May 25, 1830 — (Vital Records Peru, Mass. page 101).

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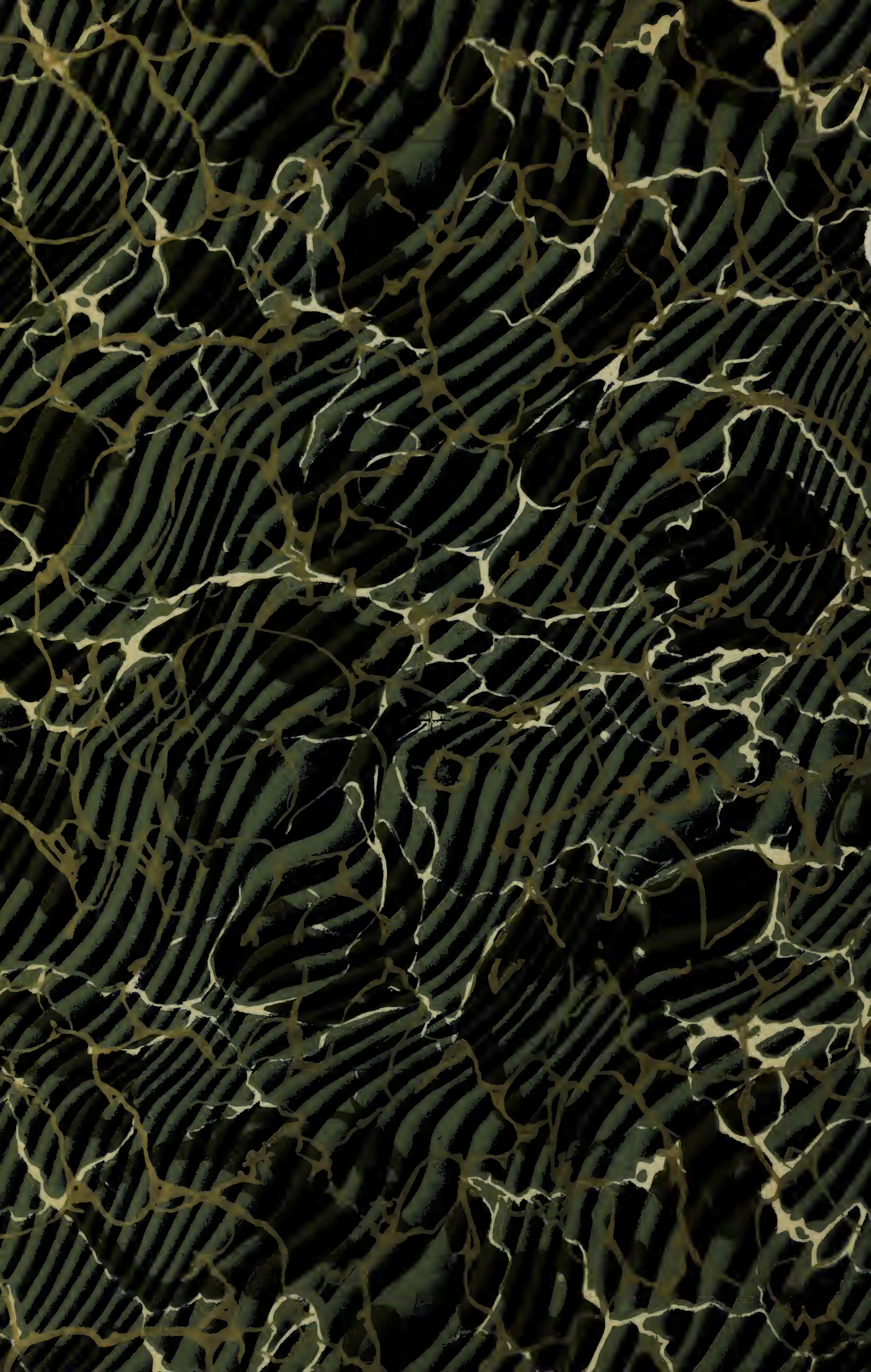




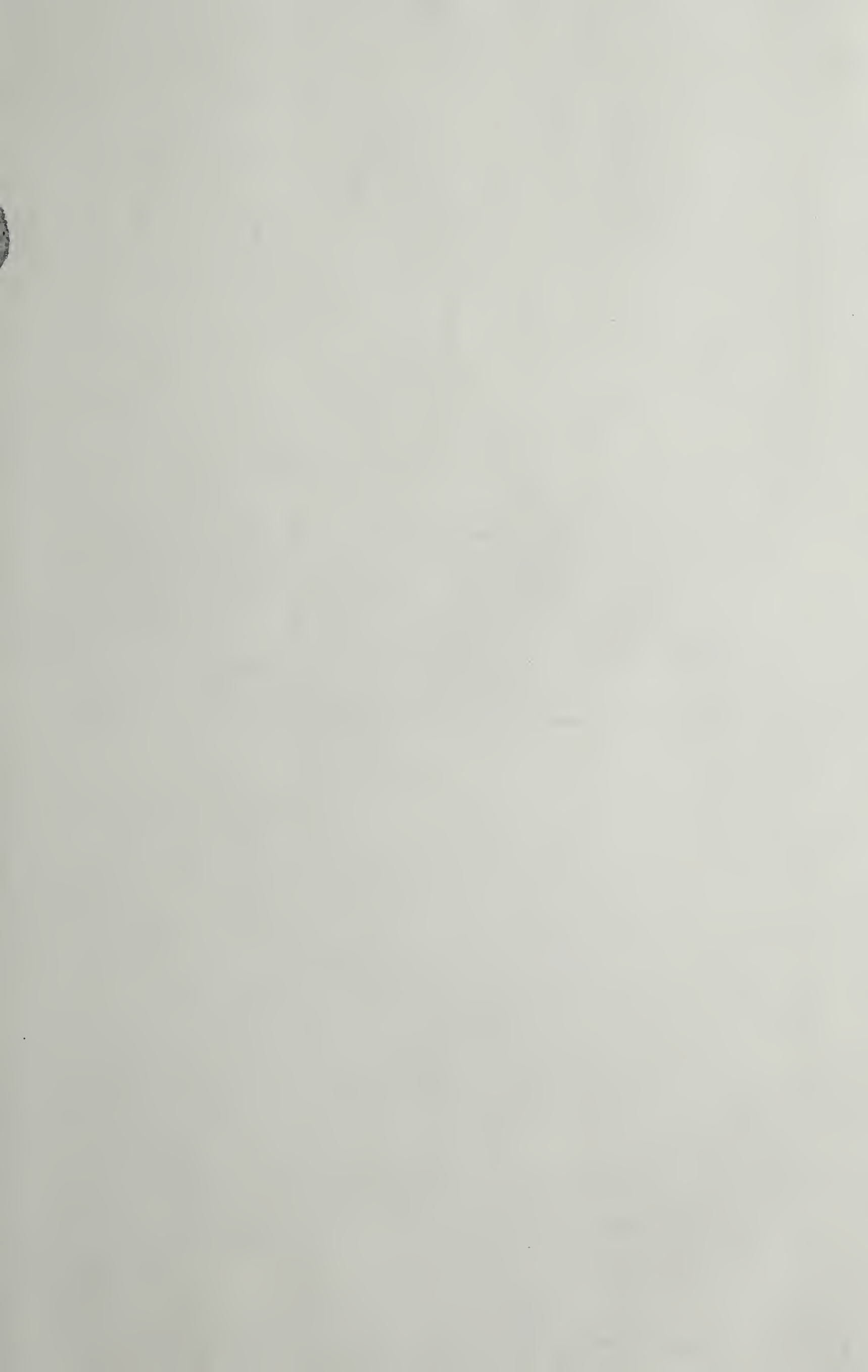
















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